TV Station in Rayalseema District of A. P.

3231. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rayalseema District of Andhra Pradesh is not at present covered by any Television station;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a high-powered Television relay station at Horsley Hills in Chittoor District so that it covers not only Rayalseema but also a part of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir. TV transmitters are, at present, functioning at Adoni, Kurnool, Anantapur, Produttur, Cuddapah and Tirupati in Rayalseema area of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the schemes for the setting up of high power (10 KW) TV transmitters (in replacement of the existing low power transmitters) are under implementation at Tirupati (Tirumalla Hills) in Chittoor district and Anantapur in Anantapur district. On commissioning of these two transmitters, the whole of Anantapur and Chittoor districts and large parts of Cuddapah and Kurnool districts which constitute the Rayalseema area are expected to be covered subject to local terrain conditions.

Repair of Roads in Pitampura, Delhi

3232. SHRI F. M KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the roads in CD and GD blocks of Pitampura, Delhi were last repaired/surfaced;

(b) what are the reasons that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has not surfaced a large number of bumps and deep ditches on these roads for the last few years, thereby causing serious road hazards; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the condition of roads in these blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) DDA have reported that the roads in CD & GD blocks of Pitampura, Delhi-34 were last repaired/surfaced during 1984-85 respectively.

(b) On account of large scale building activities in the area, the plot holders have left the building rubbish and Malba on the roads resulting in bumps and deep ditches on the roads at some places.

(c) Since the building activity of the houses by the plot holders has almost been completed to the extent of 75 per cent, the work of re-carpeting would be taken-up shortly. Tenders have been invited in March, the work is to be started in April, 1988 and is likely to be completed by July, 1988.

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Problems of Cotton Growers

3234. DR. G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is lot of distress among farmers who are cultivating high grade cotton because of drought and pests;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pesticides that are being supplied are of inferior quality and sometimes adulterated and thereby not acting on pests leading to huge damage to cotton crop;

(c) what action Government propose to take to rescue the farmers from this affliction; and